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- 1. All claims remains allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution remains SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.
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